

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF

) SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
) HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
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IN RE:

) SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY
) PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

That the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) issued an Emergency Public Health Order pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-1-140 on June 10, 2003, ordering a quarantine for observation and testing of a prairie dog and any other animal with which the prairie dog has had contact. The prairie dog was acquired from _____, a facility identified as a distributor of prairie dogs known to be infected with orthopox virus, commonly known as monkeypox.

DHEC is informed that you have in your possession and control other species of animals that were obtained from _____. Based on information received from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), animals other than prairie dogs are also potential vectors of transmission of orthopox virus.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-1-140, the DHEC is authorized to issue such orders as are necessary for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable and infectious diseases. Further, S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 61-20 requires that health authorities shall assume control and management of communicable diseases and exposures and shall see that isolation and control measures are carried out in their respective jurisdictions. The health authorities have determined that it is necessary in order to protect the public health and prevent the spread of contagious disease to expand the Emergency Public Health Order of June 10, 2003, to include a quarantine of all animals in your possession and control that were obtained from _____ and all animals that have had contact with animals obtained from _____.

“Contact” is defined as being in the same cage with an animal obtained from _____ for more than 5 minutes; being confined in a cage within 3 feet of such animal for a day; or for people, handling such animal.

Further, all sheriffs and constables shall aid and assist the Commissioner of Health and Environmental Control and shall carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-1-100.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That all provisions of the Emergency Public Health Order issued on June 10, 2003, remain in full force and effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. That you immediately quarantine all animals obtained from _____ in their cages, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-1-140, for one month from the date of this notice, or for a lesser time if you are notified by DHEC in writing that these animals no longer pose a threat or significant health risk to humans or other animals and that quarantine is no longer required.
3. That you immediately allow for serological testing of all animals obtained from _____ for monkeypox as needed, by either DHEC or Clemson Livestock Poultry Health Programs. Should the testing indicate that an animal is carrying the monkeypox virus, then all other animals with which it has had contact must be immediately tested for the monkeypox virus.
4. That you immediately quarantine all other animals which have had contact, as defined above, with any animal obtained from _____ in their respective cages for a period of one month from the date of this Order, or for a lesser time if you are notified by DHEC, in writing, that quarantine is no longer needed.
5. That you not release these animals from your custody nor from their cages, at any time during the period of quarantine. That these animals shall be available for observation by DHEC, or a designated veterinarian, at any time during the period of quarantine.
6. That you not allow any persons or other animals to come into contact with or touch any of these animals until you are notified in writing by DHEC that this Order is no longer in effect. Any person feeding these animals or handling them, when essential, shall wear disposable gloves that must be discarded; the skin and clothing of any handlers should be washed in hot water with soap immediately after touching the animals.
7. That you immediately report any of the following symptoms of illness in any of these animals: fever, cough, blepharoconjunctivitis, lymphadenopathy, followed by a nodular rash. The report should be made to _____, MPH, DVM, State Veterinarian, Clemson Livestock Poultry Health, 803-788-2260.
8. That you immediately report any of the following symptoms of illness in humans who may have had contact with any of these animals: fever, cough, rash and swollen lymph nodes. The report must be called to DHEC at 864-227-5944 during normal business hours; during non-business hours you should call pager number 800-420-1915.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

C. Earl Hunter, COMMISSIONER

Date

_____, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT